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[54] **BROWNING AGENT FOR FOODSTUFFS**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A browning agent for foodstuffs having a carbonyl-containing browning reactant is disclosed which contains a water-in-oil emulsion, a surfactant and an edible base in the aqueous phase adapted to enduce a browning reaction in the foodstuff upon heating. The browning agent may be coated onto foodstuffs such as biscuits, pizza, pie coverings or hash brown potatoes, stored at temperatures from about -30° C. to about 10° C. thereafter immediately microwaved to enduce browning.

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